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1. REF A RAISES QUESTION OF REPAYMENT OF GVN RICE LOANS TO GKR. GVN RICE STOCKS AS OF DECEMBER 10 ARE 87,213 MT. DECEMBER DELTA DELIVERIES ARE RUNNING AT RATE LESS THAN 20,000 MT FOR MONTH, ALTHOUGH LIKELY TO PICK UP NEAR END OF MONTH AS NEW HARVEST BECOMES AVAILABLE. MISSION NOW UNDERSTANDS NEW PL-480 RICE IMPORTS SCHEDULED FOR GVN NOT TO BEGIN ARRIVING BEFORE LATE JANUARY AT EARLIEST. IN VIEW OF STOCK POSITION ANTICIPATED
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POSSIBLY TO DROP BELOW 50,000 IN FIRST HALF OF JANUARY, CURRENT

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LOW LEVEL OF DELTA DELIVERIES AND FAST DRAWDOWN OF STOCKS (GVN UNDER CONTROL SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLY TO VIRTUALLY ALL SECTORS OF POPULATION INSTEAD OF MILITARY CIVIL SERVANTS AND REFUGEES ONLY) AS WELL AS EARLY DATE OF TET THIS YEAR (JANUARY 23) GVN UNABLE TO RELEASE LAST 5,000 MT OF 15,000 MT TO BE LOANED TO GKR UNLESS ASSURED OF EARLY REPAYMENT.

2. REF B LISTS RICE ARRIVALS IN KOMPONGSOM AND IN SAIGON FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO GKR. WE HAVE TOLD GVN THAT RICE IN FOLLOWING SHIPS MIGHT BE DIVERTED TO GVN AS PARTIAL PAYMENT OF RICE LOANED TO GKR: PRESIDENT ADAMS 10,500 MT, LESLIE LYKES 7,069 MT, GULF MERCHANT 5,640 MT AND FREDERICK LYKES 4,250 MT. IF WE CAN ASSURE GVN OF THIS REPAYMENT PRIOR TET, GVN STATED IT WILL RELEASE FINAL 5,000 MT TOMORROW. ALL SHIPPING FOR THIS 5,000 MT HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND NOW ON BERTH FOR LOADING.

3. NEED AID/W CONFIRMATION BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FOR OOB 14 DECEMBER SAIGON TIME THAT RICE ON ABOVE SHIPS CAN BE DIVERTED SAIGON FOR REPAYMENT GVN. IN ABSENCE SUCH CONFIRMATION CANNOT RELEASE FINAL 5,000 TONS FOR CAMBODIA.
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